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1. JAPANESE EMB FIRST SECTY HIROSE TOLD EMBOFF SEPT 18
OF A COCKTAIL PARTY ENCOUNTER HE HAD HAD THE PREVIOUS
DAY WITH SOVIET DCM NIKIFOROV CONCERNING RETURN OF THE
SOVIET MIG-25 PRESENTLY IN JAPANESE CUTODY. ACCORDING TO
HIROSE, NIKIFOROV, IN A VERY BLUNT MANNER, DEMANDED TO KNOW
WHEN THE MIG-25 WOULD BE RETURNED AND STATED THAT THE NON-RETURN
OF THE PLANE WAS HARMING SOVIET-JAPANESE RELATIONS. HIROSE SAID
THAT HE WAS SURPRISED BY THE INTENSITY OF NIKIFOROV'S
COMMENTS AND RETORTED THAT THE PLANE WOULD BE RETURNED AS
SOON AS THE SOVIETS RETURNED THE NORTHERN ISLANDS. HIROSE STATED
THAT NIKIFOROV ABRUPTLY TERMINATED THE CONVERSATION AND WALKED
AWAY.
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